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ATTEMPTED LANDING

On December 21st, 1953, armed troops were posted to a spot near the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia. Guards on duty at the Base reported seeing a glowing, saucer-shaped object just above the ground, apparently preparing to land, and the armed troops were evidently sent to investigate the incident. Naturally, they were too late to see anything---30 minutes too late, to be exact.

When newsmen asked to question the men involved in the sighting, authorities at the base reported that the men weren't there. Frank Edwards, who picked up the sighting news, commented later, "Of course they weren't there---they were being questioned by Intelligence men not far away.

Although the exact dates have not been verified, the week of December 27th thru January second brought new sightings in the area. For four nights in a row, saucer-shaped objects topped by pulsating red lights maneuvered over the Marine Base at speeds varying from 10 m. p. h. to 1000 m. p. h. They hovered, proceeded slowly and raced at high speed just above the tree-tops, and were easily spotted on radarscopes.

More details on this sighting probably won't be forthcoming and these few are probably due to laxity in security precautions. Therefore, unless added information comes in before printing time, this bit will have to suffice for the present time. Members in the area observed no mention in the papers.*

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Object Found Near
Calif.-Ore. Border

On January 12 the Director was advised by one of our contacts that Professor Allen Hynek had left Ohio with an Air Force Investigator, and inasmuch as Hynek's steady job is Professor of Astrophysics at the University of Ohio, we assumed that another saucer investigation was at hand and began searching for corroboration of our suspicions. A wire to Frank Edwards at Washington, D. C., brought the following message:

"Not for publication. Understand unidentified object found near California-Oregon border five weeks ago. Believe Hynek's trip actually trip to California-for this purpose. If any further details, will advise."

Evidently Mr. Edwards was waiting on further details before giving the item on his program, or wanted to scoop all the other newscasters, therefore labeled the report 'not for publication'. Then on January 13, Mr. Edwards announced that Wright-Patterson had initiated a policy of tight censorship, saying Air Force men would no longer interview newsmen. They had stated that there was 'too much interest in flying saucers as a result of Keyhoe's book, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space". Then, Mr. Edwards dropped the bombshell which is probably still reverberating at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Edwards' words said, in essence, Is the new tight censorship really due to too much interest in saucers as a result of Mr. Keyhoe's book, or is it really because top-U. S. scientists are at this time examining an unidentified object at a west coast U. S. Airfield?

The information forwarded in good faith by Mr. Edwards is as reliable as any news of anything from any news source in this country in the opinion of the APRO staff. In the light of this new fact we can expect a big break within the next 5 months.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS: In view of the story in the upper right-hand corner of this page, the saucer story is about to break. If saucers appear as in the pattern already established in past years, they will be in plentiful supply by July when Mars will be closer to the earth than it has been in 15 years. Already sensational sightings have been made, as predicted in this Bulletin in the September issue, and are on the increase. In view of this only quarterly subscriptions will be accepted.

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The EDITORIAL

In view of what has transpired during the past year we are inclined to assume that the Air Force has succeeded in censoring saucer news at the wire service level and that would account to a certain extent for the small amount of news being published of late. That there is a censorship is an opinion held by many interested in the subject, including Donald Keyhoe and Frank Edwards.

Something odd seems to be happening of late, and our suspicions really began to grow when a feature on APRO which was sent out on the wire in October was re-released on the 15th of November, and the day after the Director's lecture to the Milwaukee Astronomical Association on December 14th, the thing was re-released again. This organization, which has never sought publicity seems to be getting quite a good deal of it and evidently it is being controlled to a certain extent.

In addition to a large number of requests for membership, sightings, some of which took place 20 years ago, were sent in by the hundreds. And, inevitably, there were the usual letters from people who believe the saucers to be some kind of emissaries from the Almighty, underground entities, and so on. We have made a sincere attempt to answer all letters to the best of our ability.

We have appointed an honorary member to APRO who has been passed on by officers of the national group, but whom we are not able, at least at the present time, to name. He is an astronomer and an intelligent man. Although he did not ask for anonymity, we have suggested that it might be best for him inasmuch as he is well known, at least in his area, and a very respected man, to say the least. If and when the saucer enigma is cleared up,

we will feel more free to divulge his name, along with others. We have never made a policy of indiscriminately accepting honorary members as other organizations have been wont to do, and are sure of the interest and willing cooperation of each one when their card is finally forwarded to them.

We do not like to harp or nag, but we must stress that the APRO Bulletin is a publication issued only to members, and we do not criticize the practice of some who pass around their copy for just anyone to read. Anyone who wants saucer news bad enough can join and contribute to the information as members do.

The lecture at the Milwaukee Museum Lecture Hall on December 14th was a success. We estimate that one hundred or more were present, mostly members of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society, who sponsored the lecture. Although newspapers had been notified of the coming event, advance publicity was not given as it should have been, thus the attendance was not up to par. However, we owe much to Mr. Edward J. Halbach, Director of the Society who after the lecture publicly announced his recommendation that we be given the cooperation we have long asked for. (His statement and recommendation, incidentally, did not see print, although a reporter from the Journal was present and got statements from the Director regarding the correlation between the relative position of Mars and the Earth and the number of saucers observed at those times. Although this was mentioned in the Journal story the next day, it was not given any mention in conjunction with the wire story re-issued the next day).

Frank Edwards of Mutual Broadcasting, whom we have often mentioned in this paper, insists that he has inside information that Palomar has observed and photographed obviously controlled objects in outer space. He calls attention to the fact that although he has announced this, the Air Force has never attempted to disqualify him, and this is because they know he is not lying. We are inclined to believe Mr. Edwards. He has never misled us in regard to details on any sighting in the past and has a good reputation for honesty. We will never forget the good laugh we had one evening while talking to him via long distance phone when he asked us whether we had heard of the character on the West Coast who photographs old light fixtures and claims they are flying saucers. The man has a sense of humor, too, and that appeals to us as well as his honesty.

Influenza has hit Sturgeon Bay again and we hope things don't repeat themselves like last year.****

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GRAPEVINE

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The latest rumor to come to our attention has been that APRO has been shut down by a 'higher source' and this Bulletin plus what we have to say in the ensuing pages should serve to soothe those who thought it might be possible.

We believe we have a very good idea who started this one and will reiterate that we don't mean to be shut down, there's no excuse for it. We do not believe there is one person disloyal to the Democratic way of life within our group, and this group is not backed by any individual or group of individuals, gathers saucer information specifically in the interest of those people who join and participate as full-fledged members.

A reliable individual we are not at liberty to name at the present time has informed us that E. R. Jarrold of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau was 'visited' and encouraged in his work, even advised to rename his bureau to indicate the actual origin of the flying saucers. The recommended name informed that saucers are interplanetary.

If the rumor regarding Jarrold is true, then we must shamefully admit that the Australian Boys are much more on the ball than the U.S. saucer investigation 'authorities'. As far as the information received here is concerned, it would indicate that Jarrold, if he was visited regarding saucers, was talked to by government personnel, and that there is no similarity between the attitudes of his visitor and the visitors supposed to have visited Albert Bender of the IFSB. According to Bender, he was treated rather rough although not exactly set upon physically.

Inasmuch as the rumor column is not utilized so much for speculation in addition to rumors as it is to speculation as to the various ways of breaking down rumors, we will cease and desist on this particular subject until such time when more information is available. The rumor as submitted was much too nebulous for us to go into much further and we will await more information before exploiting it to any great extent.

With a little over a column to dispose of, it might be advantageous to use this extra space to speculate as to the possible connotation of the recent unasked-for

publicity lavished upon this organization and its Director by the Press. Several members have stated that our government saucer authorities have decided to exploit the conservative, well-meaning groups for the purpose of indoctrination of the public; thus they would not give us the satisfaction of recognizing our abilities or accomplishments, but would be using us just the same.

Along the same line of thought, some members suggested that possibly the Air Force might use the fact that the Director is a woman, mother, and ordinary housewife like millions of other women to show that there is really nothing to fear in the saucers. In other words: Here is a woman who washes dishes, scrubs floors, cooks, crochets, knits and what have you that other women do, but is interested in the saucer mystery and is not in the least hysterical about it. This is very decidedly a compliment from the members who submitted the possibility and the Director is thankful for the consideration that she could be an example. So much for that, but it is a fact that the Press has given us quite a bit of complimentary mention on their own hook and something like the foregoing is the only way that we can account for it. We don't think we're so good that the Press looks upon us as more or less authorities and that's a cinch!

We must bring up another subject and ask that members kindly send in their vote as they have done in the past. A letter from a member berates us for not being impersonal enough in our editorials and for in general 'coloring' the whole Bulletin with our ideas. Several days later one of our members in Washington, D. C. wrote and complimented us on having the most complete coverage and informative paper in the business. Orchids and onions in the same week. In our letter to the complaining party, we pointed out that the complaint did not regard the last editorial which concerned the Bender-IFSB mystery, and that we realized she was one of their former members. In answer to her accusation that the Bulletin was mostly Coral E. Lorenzen, we pointed out that our Director does do most of the writing for the Bulletin. Okay, fellow members, do you indict or acquit? *****The Staff

THE BENDER-IFSB AFFAIR

For the benefit of new members we will give a short background on this particular issue so that the following will not be absolutely meaningless: (The last paper published by the International Flying Saucer Bureau printed a story saying that IFSB was quitting, and that the Director had been visited by a 'higher' source' who told him to quit printing about saucers and that his paper was not the time nor the method for the secret of the saucers to be revealed. He hinted that they had filled him in on the full story regarding the saucers and then swore him to secrecy. In our November Bulletin, we argued that inasmuch as the 'higher source' wasn't named, it couldn't be assumed that they were government representatives. We suggested that the whole reason for disbanding might have been because their backer withdrew his backing because of the blunder of sending the sign metal specimen to Oak Ridge instead of to him. The whole thing happened suspiciously within a short time after the New Haven signboard incident on August 19th. IFSB's October Bulletin announced the close-down.) We take it from there:

Since our November issue we have gathered a lot of rumors, and facts, and consequently have fitted the pieces of this puzzle together into what we believe to be the final answer. We hinted that IFSB had a financial backer and that this information was forwarded by one of their members. That they could have had such is evidenced by their free-hand with expensive printed bulletins, stamps, rubber stamps, membership cards, the fact that they didn't charge their representatives for membership. At current printing prices, a printed bulletin of the size of Space Review would run at least \$100 for 600 issues---(their admitted membership) 4 issues a year would amount to \$400. Stamps for mailing bulletins would run \$48 per year on the conservative side. First class 3¢ stamps for mailing purposes, investigations, etc., would run considerably more. Any other necessary expenditures such as stationery, membership cards, rubber stamps, etc., would be pretty expensive. That IFSB had a backer is very possible if not an absolute certainty.

Bender has done a lot of talking and a great deal of this talking concerning something about which he was supposedly warned to keep his mouth shut, is certainly suspicious. Most of the things that

Bender has said about his visitors, what they said, etc., has been very contradictory. This, in our minds, indicates something about which he is scared and very regretful. He has said that if he divulged what was told him by his visitors, he would be labeled a traitor---and if he let anything get out he could be called something much worse. We wonder---could the name he fears most possibly be---Communist?

Although this is mostly conjecture, we believe we are finally on the track of the truth. Let's do a little 'iffing'. If the government did a routine investigation of IFSB by chance, in connection with something else, and found Communistic infiltration, this would account for the whole messy situation. We do not believe that Bender would have been party to anything in this category, and if such was the case, he was an unwilling dupe.

If a communist or communistic interests wanted to get any information on guided missiles, their speed and/or the U.S. space station program, one of the best methods would be through a saucer group. APRO has been given sightings which were quite evidently of a guided missile category. When this happens, the report is destroyed and never included in the Bulletin---therefore, only those directly connected with headquarters see these reports, and they cannot fall into the hands of anyone with subversive ideas. We have often wondered what happened to the huge number of sightings gathered by so large a group as IFSB--- they certainly got little space in the Space Review. Bender once asked the Directory why APRO printed such detailed information regarding sightings. She thought that a rather odd question when he must have known that the Bulletin was our only way of communication with most members, and our members are interested more in actual sightings than what this or that 'authority' or crackpot has to say about his or her pet theory.

Bender intimated to at least one person that he would be called to Washington to tell some more. We still reiterate our former contention. No one, not even Bender and IFSB, knows more about saucers and their probable origin than the United States Air Force, and if Bender does go to Washington to confer, it will not be about flying saucers!

Members have flooded headquarters with requests for all available dope regarding the Bender-IFSB affair, and we've given what we can without mentioning names, for we have no absolute proof. However, reading back bulletins and remembering others in the business will furnish more clues. (Con't. on Page 5)

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Bender has stated at least once that everyone else is off the track yet the impression he leaves as to the meaning of his 'visit' is that there is a going to be a saucer invasion or something to that effect and that it will be revealed soon. This doesn't sound right for if this is so, it would be absolutely racial suicide to let the people of the world be attacked by unknown creatures. Those that weren't killed off in the struggle would commit suicide from the horror of the whole situation. And there hasn't been enough indoctrination toward such an event to prevent such chaos. Bender also hinted that Mr. Eisenhower will go before the UN after a preliminary announcement to the American people, and ask the cooperation of other nations of the world in combatting the threat.

By all of this verbal byplay, we must then assume that Bender is telling indiscriminately what has been told him in confidence by government men! But no, this is not the case---it is merely coverup for the real thing, which doesn't concern saucers at all. Bender may be making all these wild statements in hopes they are correct and that when the eventual truth about the saucers is revealed, he can say he knew all the time. We can't say we blame him. He was in a work he enjoyed, wanted to be in on the big story just like the rest of us but had his water shut off by someone whom he couldn't cope with.

So it can be easily seen that the supposed facts of the IFSB affair have been, from beginning to end, just so much window-dressing to cover up something which is not wanted to be public knowledge until some time in the future. Furthermore, it might prove to be very embarrassing to Bender in the event such information did leak out. Also, the people who were using Bender and IFSB just might get wise, cover up, and further proof of their treachery would be forever lost. It's only speculation, dear readers, but still the only logical explanation to come out of the available facts to date. Let's all remember this: 1. The government could shut up anyone without giving out any secrets. 2. Bender's claim that he had the big answer is fishy because the AF has thought of everything and it is highly unlikely an amateur in the business such as Bender is, could possibly make such a stupendous discovery that it would bring about closing down his outfit such as he claims it did. He could have gone on printing innocuous sightings and no one would have been the wiser.

3. The Un-American Activities Com-

mittee is busy tracking down various organizations which are cover-ups for communist activity. 4. Let's all remember and cogitate on the number of anti-A-bomb individuals in the saucer business who continually harp about what great injustice is being done by even allowing the thing to be manufactured. They continually preach that this power should be channeled into other uses and not used for destructive purposes. Communists love this line, and an abolition of A-bomb manufacture could be instituted in this country it would pave the way for A-bomb attack on the United States and other freedom-loving nations by the Soviet Union and her cohorts. No thanks.

The preceding has about exhausted the available ideas on this subject. We would appreciate comments and ideas from members regarding the affair.

MADISON JET CRASHED STILL MYSTERY!

Attempts to get information regarding the unusual and tragic crashes of two F-89 jets in Wisconsin on November 21, have bumped into something which definitely smacks of conspiracy. One fellow who asked questions at the radio stations and later at newspaper offices where he obtained clippings, was watched while doing the mailing, and discreet inquiries have been made through acquaintances regarding his identity, etc. Another man, a friend of the Director's who she called by phone and requested to investigate and clarify a few facts, wrote back giving unsatisfactory information and ending with the following cryptic message: "May I seriously suggest that you could be on rather dangerous ground?" Inasmuch as this man knows the Director's loyalty is unquestionable, it cannot be that he was worried that she could be involved in subversive activities. We are convinced that the man, while nosing around the area and asking questions, was warned to lay off. Perhaps he even admitted under pressure why he was interested in those particular crashes, and for whom he was gathering the information and was told to thwart the investigation in some way. In any event, what has transpires only indicates that there was some odd circumstances involved in those crashes, and probably the most unusual aspects of the affair was the fact that this type of plane had been sent back to its manufacturer for revamping to rid them of defects which had caused casualties before. Before a full investigation was even concluded, the Air Force spokesman announced that the F-89's would not be grounded. Something definitely smells there.*****

The Saucer Bandwagon

Although magazines have been apparently avoiding the saucer question of late, a few have come through. It is regrettable that this last batch has gone from the one extreme to the other, as can easily be seen in the following digest of saucers in the news:

SCIENCE-DIGEST, January, 1954. Beginning with---"The U. S. Air Force doubts that flying saucers come from outer space. But, Air Force officials are keeping an open mind on the subject---just in case!" this article by Allen Long, condensed from Science News Letter, utilizes the usual qualified statements by AF 'spokesmen' such as the following: "You can never tell when one of the darn things will land"---90% accounted for, 10% were unaccounted for. (Tch-tch---ending a sentence with a preposition, Mr. Long?) "Air Force could have explained the remaining ten per cent as natural or man-made phenomena had more information been available."---"Hysteria stimulated by sensational sightings reported from time to time in the press---mystery deeper because of AF policy of not discrediting a person or organization."---The much-discussed films taken by Warrant Officer Delbert Newhouse were pronounced as authentic by the Air Force, but explained away as possibly being rays of sunlight bouncing off ice crystals (a la Menzel?) or high-flying jet planes glittering in the sunlight. They had formerly been explained as seagulls. (See November Bulletin). "Chances are small that objects unexplained by the AF are from outer space."---This statement leads into speculation regarding the possibility that life 'as it exists on earth' existing on any other planet, and the impossibility of the prospect that the saucers might be interstellar vehicles. A good article if you want to re-read the old Air Force party line.

SCIENCE-DIGEST, December, 1953, gave a short (four page) dissertation on the 'Real Jet-Powered Flying Saucer' by Ansel E. Talbert. Not much actual technical information, naturally, but interesting, all the same. No mention of the kind of saucers we're interested in.

PAGEANT for January, 1954 ~~came~~ out with another flowery review of Adamski's book, "The Flying Saucers Have Landed." The editor's note preceding the text of the review, regards the chapter of the book as a 'readable yarn'. Adamski got quite a bit of mention on the wire circuits, has done some radio and TV appearances and received a mention in the small pocket mag., PEOPLE. In view of the current rates for TV and Radio personal appearances Adamski is doing all

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right in his particular niche of saucer endeavor. (Con't below)

LAST MINUTE REPORT

Word has reached us from E. R. Jamold of AFSB in Australia to the effect that he ~~has~~ been visited but on word of honor swore not to dig close by whom and what was said during the talk. More next issue on this.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT: January, 1954 issue came out with the following: "Plenty Going On In The Skies" which sported a picture of a huge plastic balloon. The caption read: "It may be called a 'saucer' The usual arguments about percentages authenticated, etc. Last sentence most revealing: "No authentic physical evidence has been received establishing the existence of space ships from other planets." Another equally interesting statement: "recent study has shown a direct correlation between the number of sightings reported and the publicity given to 'saucers' by the nation's press." Now, there's a profound statement if ever there was one. The rest of the article involves what the AF has found that most reported sightings turn out to be: aircraft or balloons (ouch!) or known phenomena such as meteors or planets. (Ouch again!) (Editor's Note: AF must have a bunch of slap-happy pilots. Admittedly, most of their reports come from Air personnel, and they claim 90% of all reports are later identifiable as normal objects such as above. Then the men in the AF and in the airline services are not experienced or qualified observers. Few sightings received by APRO fit into the above categories. Maybe a little exaggeration by this certain AF spokesman?)

The MILWAUKEE JOURNAL Green Sheet, which serves as a feature section of the daily, sported a feature by Douglas Larsen, their Washington correspondent, dealing with Mr. Keyhoe and titled: "Disk Expert Losing Screwball Status". This is a well-done piece and stresses the fact that both Air Force and Airline pilots are wary of the Air Force's attitude, think that the reporting of sightings could hold up promotions. The AF blames the current flurry of sightings on his book and unofficially thinks he has exploited the question beyond its true importance. Keyhoe claims he has gone in the hole on flying saucers research, would have been better off financially had he never gone into the saucer investigation business. Keyhoe states he expects the Shirley Bay station in Canada to bring most reliable new information, reiterates his previous statements that the Air Force is holding out on the public. Mr. Keyhoe stated his belief that there are intelligent (Con't. on Page Eight)

RECEIPT SIGHTINGS

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AERO Bulletin

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As predicted in our September issue, reports of unidentified flying objects are on the increase. There is also evidence to bear out our contention that there is a censorship of UFO sightings at the wire level and might account for the fact that so few sightings are available at this time. Although hundreds of sightings, some dating back 20 years and more have come to us as a result of the recent publicity given APRO, we do not have enough space to include those and so have picked only those most outstanding to supplement the current sightings.

DYCKESVILLE, U.S. Oct. 27, 1950. Antone Slavik, of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin watched orange-red moon-shaped object in sky. Time of day was dusk, high clouds present. He stopped to watch the object which he described as again as large as the moon, orange-red in color. It disappeared at one time, reappeared and seemed to turn, thereafter appearing to be oval-shaped and fuzzy. Also seen by Holver Harvey,

OJAI, CALIF. Nov. 12, 1954. Mrs. Leroy Byers and Mrs. Edna Chambers of Ojai watched two silver disks come out of only white cloud in sky, hover a few minutes, suddenly disappear, leaving only red glow. No noise, or vibration and both slowly moved together. Time: 5 p. m. Objects over Ventura Riverbed, according to women.

COLLEGE POINT, L. I., NEW YORK, November 23, 1954. Herbert Browning observed object which looked like a 'small full moon', with a slight greenish tinge, and which had a sort of misty halo or corona around it. Very bright, est. speed of 800-900 mph, heading on course slightly west of due south. Visible 4-6 seconds, on small patch of horizon visible to observer. Observer said it was no searchlight, or airplane, although seen from his residence located between La Guardia Field and Fort Totten.

NOVEMBER, L. I. (no exact date). Shorewood resident observed object size of dime held at arm's length which had lighted exhaust from the back. Front pale blue, rear yellow. Seen about 10 seconds, going at steady rate of speed, pale bluish-to-white, name withheld on request of no publicity.

ROCKAWAY, N.Y. Dec. 7, 1954. A prezzel observed metallic spherical ball with tail about 8 times own length at 10:20 p. m. Observed for from 5 to 8 seconds, on a course to the S by SW. Estimated altitude as 'very low', swishing and humming sound heard distinctly. Seemed to be light within a light,

very blinding to observer. Prezzel said he was attracted by noise while putting car in garage, looked up and saw the object at about Zenith position, proceeding south

EASTERN SHABO RD, Dec. 11, 1 p. m. Military and Airline Cr. observe six luminous objects travelling at great speed. Frank Edwards, on getting sighting, called observatory near Washington, was informed no meteors present at that time, although the AF tried to explain away objects as meteors.

BOLLING FIELD, OHIO. December 11. Private plane buzzed by disc of approximately 1 ft. diameter. Object circled the plane, then took off and disappeared from sight.

SWEDEN, Swedish fliers reported huge, round, apparently metallic and symmetrical object travelling at great speed. Object seen near Russian border in vicinity of Russian bases. Sweden starting now, thorough investigation of objects.

STURGEON BAY, U.S. Dec. 29. Orville Ruben observed droplet-shaped, reddish-blue object for 7 seconds (Ruben's very definite on length of observation) during it's course across sky from NE to SW. Object not going in curved arc, seemed on straight course, became dimmer as it faded in distance.

STURGEON BAY, U.S. Dec. 30, '54. Greenish colored round object with slight tail observed by L. J. Bongle at 8:55 p. m. In sight for 2 seconds during which time it passed through 30 degrees of arc. Night, overcast, snow flurries. Bongle said it was clearly defined as bulb on Christmas tree, probably was seen through break in clouds. He could not discern outline of clouds as it was dark.

WATTSBURG, PA. 1934 (old sighting) On June evening E. D. Knight observed a sphere of light which came out of woods, straight toward him, made U turn of 7 ft. circle six feet from Knight's face, returned to woods. Knight called wife who saw it as it returned once more, never was seen again. Speed estimated at 30 m. p. h. Gave off no light of it's own to illuminate surrounding objects, no heat. Steady course at low speed, 10-15 seconds, going at steady rate of speed, pale bluish-white in color. Time: evening.

STURGEON BAY, U.S. Effort is being made by the Sturgeon Bay group to gather enough information regarding an object seen going down in flames, apparently over Lake Michigan on January 12. Observers (8, so far) say it was an object, not a fireball or meteor, and threw off chunks of burning material. More information may be available soon.*

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S-UCER B-NDL-GON (Con't from page Six) beings inside the saucers and that someone should attempt communication when they are seen.

Many newspapers throughout the country, including the DES MOINES IOW REGISTER have carried reviews of Keyhoe's book, aptly written and not too colored either way.

The WASHINGTON TIMES HERALD began a series of three articles by Richard Reilly which gave quite an insight into Air Force blundering and self-contradiction during the past years. One part which particularly intrigued us was the statement by Harry G. Barnes, senior controller at Civil air traffic control center at National Airport regarding his opinion of what the Washington blips were. He said they had substance, experts don't mistake inversion reflections, and would not give his opinion because D... had warned him not to. They said people would say he was 'seeing things.' He hasn't even expressed his opinion to them, for they haven't asked him. (So how do they know what his opinion is so as to caution against expressing it?)

In a small paper containing short excerpts from McGraw-Hill publications, a blurb titled "No Reply From Saucers," contained the information that despite official invitation to land and attend San Diego's Airpower Day celebration, no word was heard and no saucers landed. The invitation to land at the Miramar Naval Air Station during the air show program included aerial directions and radio communications frequencies to the base were listed. Pilots of any saucers wishing to land were requested to make radio contact, or if lacking radio facilities, to make visual contact with the station, so that escort aircraft might guide them to a landing. Here was a perfect setup for Adamski's pretty-boy spaceman to make peaceful contact---if he exists. Or maybe he was up on Venus or Jupiter at the time?

THE AUSTRALIAN ENIGMA

Last August 31, an object described as an 'unexplained aerial object' by William MacMahon, Minister for Air, was photographed by Mr. C. T. Drury of the Civil Aviation Department. Drury's attention was attracted to it by its vapor trail when it first hove into sight over Port Moresby, New Guinea. Object appeared as slightly larger than a pinhead to Drury's naked eye, was travelling at a good clip. Drury had his movie camera equipped with a telephoto lens with him and photographed the whole thing. He submitted it to the minister for Air for analysis and identification. That it was not a guided missile is in evidence as we will see later in this narrative. Jarrold, upon hearing of this sighting, made various requests to various Air Departments

hoping to get copies of the photos. Each succeeding official to whom he wrote, referred him to another until E. J. Hicks, Secretary for the Department of Air wrote that he could not get the pictures as they had been sent to the U. S. for processing and analysis. In meantime, the printers were delaying the printing of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau bulletin which contained the intent of Jarrold to distribute the pictures, if he got them, to other interested groups in the U. S. and other countries. When proofs finally came back, that place regarding the pictures was marked as if for reference. Another odd facet of the whole thing is the fact that the object was referred to as an 'unexplainable aerial object' by MacMahon, and a later note from him said that examination of the film shows a very small, light-colored object moving across the sky, and still photos show absolutely nothing to the naked eye. The later letter from Hicks calls the object an 'optical phenomena.' Now we ask---if it was discernible to Drury's naked eye, it should have been very discernible on film taken with a telescopic lens. Also, no optical phenomena would show up on a film. This information may very well lend credence to the rumor that Jarrold was 'visited.' We'll wait for further developments before passing on that one, however.

A letter from George H. Williamson, one of those who accompanied Adamski on his picnic in the desert the day he supposedly talked to a spaceman, has been copied, mimeographed and circulated by B. S. R. In it, Williamson points out discrepancies in the Phoenix Gazette story which first carried the story of that momentous incident. Williamson claims he saw the spaceman, too, through a pair of binoculars. This isn't played up in Adamski's chapter of Leslie's book, "The Flying Saucers have Landed". We wonder how the two Georges would explain away Williamson's statement to the Gazette that Adamski was formerly with Palomar Observatory. A letter from the Secretary of the Palomar Observatory states that Adamski has been giving them a lot of trouble with his inferences that he is connected with that observatory. It is discrepancies such as these which have made up our minds as to whether or not we should place any credence in the Williamson-Adamski claims. Footprints and photographs can be faked. When and if anyone can produce tangible, physical evidence of such encounters, we'll be the first to believe.

The GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE carried a scientific article which contained a lot of known facts about the moon, a lunar map, and conjecture about space travel in the future. Very good, in our humble opinion.*****

REVIEWS

We're wondering what has become of our copy of the Australian Flying Saucer bulletin which, we understand, was mailed to us on December 11. Understand the Director was honored with publication of her picture. Probably lose a lot of subscribers that way. Have to talk to that boy Jarrold about such goings-on.

The November, 1953 issue of the SUCERIAN, edited and published by Gray Barker, of Clarksburg, West Virginia was received, read thoroughly and enjoyed likewise. Barker seems to have a level head regarding the saucer mystery, (there are few like that in the business) and deserves a pat on the back for a good job.

Besides an editorial, the fireball mystery, and various sightings of saucers here and there, Barker's mag. does a review of the last issue of Space Review, lengthy information regarding the Brush Creek Saucer incident which Barker seems to think of in a more serious light than APRO officers. Also included in the Saucerian were a review of Flying Saucers International's mag. "Saucers", a write-up on the Canadian Saucer (real, jet-powered, etc. including a drawing) plus a review of current British sightings. Not much information which has not been listed in APRO's paper, but then we have the distinct advantage of more informants, and more issues in the same period of time.

Correspondence seems to indicate Barker to be not only an intelligent man, but a sincere, honest individual who doesn't leap to conclusions. Need more like him.

Next on the agenda of reviews is SUCERS, put out quarterly by Flying Saucers International, a small group on the West Coast. We are necessarily prejudiced against this outfit for they will believe anything and publish anything. Starting on the front page of their current December issue are two views of the Adamski 'saucer'. One of the photos reveals what appears to us to be the socket into which the light bulbs are screwed. Oh, well!

Also duly listed is a summary of the lecture given at the recent flying saucer 'convention' held at the Hollywood hotel, by Frank Scully. The lecture stressed mostly that Pentagon officials have changed their point of view considerably since 1950 when Scully's sensational book, "Behind The Flying Saucers" first hit print.

An article titled "First Flying Saucer Convention" and listed under the Editorial, described the various and sundry speakers who appeared and their various and sundry views. We could not recognize the name of one accredited man of science although many 'doctors' were men-

tioned.

In APRO member who attended the convention by way of covering anything which might be relevant to saucers, has this to say: "Have been following saucer meetings conducted by Orfeo Angelucci and Max Miller, but they are very unsatisfactory. Some got disgusted and walked out in the middle of the first meeting. I covered--partly--the first annual flying saucer convention in the Hollywood Hotel, by Ralph Criswell and Orfeo Angelucci and Max Miller. The facilities were poor, and it was overcrowded. The main talk of the first night was by a character who calls himself a professor of 'scientology', and who is getting up a 'university' to teach the stuff. Just a line of pseudo-scientific nonsense--his whole talk had nothing whatever to do with flying discs, unless maybe he tacked on a few words which had no connection with his talk in general."

There is more, but along the same general line, so we won't pursue that particular subject any further.

The star piece as far as we're concerned, is an open letter to all saucer investigators, by George H. Williamson. This is an appeal to all investigators, no matter what their theories, etc., to get together. A fine piece of sentiment as far as it goes, but Mr. Williamson does not give any pointers as to how we should honestly relegate in our own minds the vast differences in descriptions of craft, occupants, etc., which are forthcoming from these 'experts' who have contacted the spacemen. We're very sorry--perhaps we are of too skeptical heritage, but we simply cannot accept as fact that which has been offered as fact by many.

So much for SUCERS. We do not advise members to subscribe--we also do not endorse the common practice of the editors of the paper to berate the government, the military, etc., all the time. Sure, we don't believe the Air Force is telling all they know, but also realize they have a job on their hands and do not intend to condemn them as people or organizations, either. They are Americans, protectors of our way of freedom, and they deserve that much credit. They're not so dumb, either.

W.H.T. MAGAZINE, which deals with off-track subjects has been noticeably devoid of saucer sightings and information since IFSB's shutdown?

The ashes mentioned in the last Bulletin have been forwarded to an accredited laboratory for analysis. The results will be carried in the March issue of this Bulletin.

Delayed mail, including bulletins has led us to believe that APRO headquarters mail is being opened. Hope they find what they want!

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